

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION  
by the  
Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the transportation infrastructure and the safety of persons and properties exist within the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity caused by a series of strong winter storms that struck the Northern and Central coastal regions of California beginning December 12, 2002 and continued through February 2003; and

WHEREAS, the storms brought unusually heavy precipitation amounts, ranging from 10 to 26 inches of rain throughout these regions over a five-day period, followed by additional storms through December and February 2003; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rains caused numerous landslides, flooding, debris blockages, and other serious damage to state highways and local roadways in the affected regions, including the closure of or damages to Routes 1, 9, 38, 101, 169, 175, 199, 271, 280 and 299 and other federal-aid routes in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity; and

WHEREAS, the saturated conditions of coastal mountain slopes present a condition of peril to the life and safety of persons and property adjacent to said transportation facilities should additional storms arrive this winter; and

WHEREAS, by reason of their magnitude, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the above-listed counties, thereby requiring a proclamation of a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, under the authority of the Emergency Services Act, section 8858(b) of the Government Code, I find that a State of Emergency exists with respect to California's transportation infrastructure within the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity;

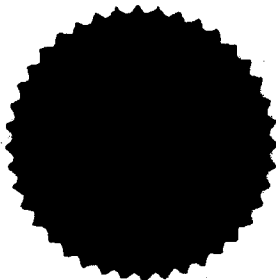
NOW, THEREFORE, I GRAY DAVIS, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority invested in me by the Emergency Services Act, and in particular sections 8625 and 8558(b) of the Government Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** with respect to the serious damage to the state's transportation infrastructure in Alameda, Contra Costa, Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity Counties.

Pursuant to this Proclamation, I issue these orders to be effective immediately:

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IT IS ORDERED that the California Department of Transportation formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, 23 U.S.C. section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction in the 15 counties.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this proclamation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st day of February 2003.

  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State